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Dear Ms. Song:

Please see attached response to outstanding Office Action dated September 17, 2003.

Yours very truly,

John Harris

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Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

Clean Version of Amendments

Amendment to the claims begins on pages 2-3 in this response.

Amendment to the specification begins on pages 4-5 in this response.

Amendment to the title begins on page 6 in this response.

Amendment to the abstract begins on page 7 in this response.